

SPECIAL FIRE RESTRICTIONS
ORDER NUMBER SJ-2012-16
SAN JUAN NATIONAL FOREST
PAGOSA AND COLUMBINE RANGER DISTRICTS

Pursuant to Title 16 U.S.C. § 551, and 36 CFR §§ 261.50(a), 261.50(b) and 261.52(e), the following is prohibited from July 3rd, 2012 at 12:00 a.m. until further notice.

Entering or being on National Forest System lands within an area bordered by, and including, Mosca Creek from its junction with Mosca Road (NFSR 631) south to its junction with First Fork Creek; southeast on First Fork Creek to its junction with the Piedra River; the Piedra River from First Fork Creek north to its junction with Williams Creek; Williams Creek from its junction with the Piedra River north to its junction with Piedra Road (NFSR 631); Piedra Road from its junction with the Williams Creek north to the private property boundary at the east side of the Weminuche Valley, but excluding the road itself; from this point following the forest boundary at the southern end of the Weminuche Valley to its intersection with Mosca Road (NFSR 631) on the west side of the Weminuche Valley; Mosca Road (NFSR 631) west to its junction with Coldwater Creek (including the road itself).

Entering or being on:

- First Fork Road (NFSR 622) north of the Sheep Creek Trailhead;
- West Monument Road (NFSR 630);
- Piedra River Trail (NFST 596) from its northern terminus at the Piedra Road (NFSR 631) to its junction with Williams Creek;
- Connector Trail (NFST 582);
- Middle Mountain Trail (NFST 654) from its junction with the Connector Trail (NFST 582) north to its junction with the Devil Mountain Trail (NFST 600);
- First Fork Trail (NFST 538), also referred to as Jacob's Ladder Trail;
- East Creek Trail (NFST 535); and
- Pine Piedra Trail (NFST 524) from its junction with Mosca Road (NFSR 631) south to its terminus with Beaver Meadows Road (NFSR 135).

This closure is further depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated and included in this Order as Exhibit 1. In addition, signs are posted in accordance with 36 CFR § 261.51, which will include posting this notice at roads, trailheads, and trail junctures. The purpose of this Fire Restriction is protection of public health and safety during the exigencies of the Little Sand Fire. This order supersedes and terminates Order Number SJ-2012-13.

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following are exempt from this order:

1. Any federal, state, or local official, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an authorized official duty; and
2. Persons with a Forest Service permit issued by the District Ranger or Forest Supervisor specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

Done at Durango, this 3rd day of July 2012.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark W. Stiles", with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Mark W. Stiles
Forest Supervisor
San Juan National Forest

Violations of this prohibition are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for a corporation and/or up to six months imprisonment (18 USC § 3571).